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1. a. An officer of the Kochstedt (M 52/E 06) Volkspolizeischule said that 500 recruits arrived there in January 1950. It was said that, at the Kuehnau (M 52/E 06) Volkspolizeischule, an additional 500 recruits arrived from the Magdeburg (M 53/Y 60) area about the same time. After the arrival of the recruits the Kuehnau school totaled 800 police. (1)
- b. It was learned that former General Freytag holds a key position with the Volkspolizei of Saxony-Anhalt. Freytag, a resident of Zerbst (M 52/D 98), is said to have recently given a position in the Volkspolizei to his former adjutant. (4)
2. a. It was learned on 27 January 1950 that 350 officer candidates were being trained with tanks, heavy machine guns and AA weapons at the Dessau-Kochstedt Volkspolizeischule. The minimum age for officer candidates, who had to sign up for a preliminary period of three years, was 18. (2)
- b. In addition to the mentioned officer candidates, about 1,500 police were stationed at the Volkspolizeischule. Upon completion of a 6-month infantry training, the policemen are allegedly given the opportunity to choose the unit to which they want to be transferred. It was said that Volkspolizei tank and engineer units are stationed in Magdeburg. \*\*Upon completion of a one-year service period, policemen are granted 12 days furlough. (2)
- c. The Kochstedt Volkspolizei is commanded by Polizei Inspekteur Freytag, a former tank general of the Paulus Army. (4)
3. a. It was learned in early February 1950 that Col Onke, previously CO of the Kochstedt Polizeischule, was transferred to Berlin as Volkspolizei Instrukteur. (5)
- b. Freitag, former high-ranking army officer, was identified as Chief of the Volkspolizei in Saxony-Anhalt, his headquarters being in Dessau. (4)

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Comment:

The following three Volkspolizeischulen in the Dessau area are known from numerous previous reports:

- a. Dessau-Kochstedt: Officer training school (presumably the Hochere Polizeischule where officer candidates are probably trained, too).
- b. Dessau-Kochstedt: Volkspolizeischule (also referred to as Artillerie Schule). The two schools are said to have a total capacity of 3,500 men and were allegedly occupied by 1,700 police in December 1949.
- c. Dessau-Merkheim-Nord: Polizeischule. Has a capacity of 2,000 men. It was occupied by about 1,000 police in December 1949.

The 6th and 7th Polizeibereitschaften were also reported to be stationed in Dessau-Kochstedt. \*

(1) The information on recruits arriving in Dessau-Kochstedt is given credence. The locality of Kuennau was reported for the first time. It is not known whether Kuennau is identical to Dessau-Merkheim-Nord or whether an additional Polizeischule is located there. The former possibility may be correct since the geographical location of Dessau-Merkheim and Kuennau is about the same.

(2) The information is given credence. However, from the state ents in para 2b the school is believed to be a school for basic training and not, as was reported before, a branch-of-service school (artillery). \*\*

(3) Other sources also reported Enke to be the CO of the Dessau-Kochstedt Polizeischule. Enke allegedly served with the former German 100,000-man Army (12th Inf Regt, Zerbst) and is known as a colonel and an excellent instructor. It is assumed that Enke was CO of the Dessau-Kochstedt Polizeischule for recruits. It is possible that he was transferred to Berlin.

(4) Lt-General Walter Freytag, a former officer of the 12th Inf Regt in Halberstadt and Zerbst, is known to have been brigadier general and to have held a war-time appointment in the rear services. He speaks Russian fluently. His wife lives in the Western Zone of Germany. Other sources reported Freytag to be CO of the Dessau-Kochstedt Polizeischule and Dessau Bezirksabschnittskommandant. Judging from his previous qualification, he may be CO of the Dessau-Kochstedt officer training school and also be in charge of additional territorial police missions.

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Comment: The 6th VP Bereitschaft is in Appollindorf, the 7th VP Bereitschaft in Dessau and the 8th and 9th VP Bereitschaft are in Kochstedt.

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Comment: This is the first mention of any VP Bereitschaft in Magdeburg, although the 3rd Bereitschaft is known to be in Magdeburg.

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